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The Post-Dispatch  
CHRISTMAS TREE!

A Greater Success  
Will Be the NEXT  
Sunday Post-Dispatch

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SUNDAY  
POST-DISPATCH

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PRICE, FIVE CENTS.  
BY CARRIER, TWENTY CENTS A WEEK.

CRAWFORD'S

It's a good thing Christmas does come but once a year, for it made the appearance of our paper a nation of dyspeptics and stay-at-home growers. As it is, nothing short of genuine square-out bargains, such as Crawford can and does offer all the year around, can tempt the crowds of shoppers out for a few days after the biggest feast day of the year. But it will help your dyspeptics and cheer you up wonderfully to save a little money toward beginning a new year just right, and the list below shows you how you can save more than a little in two or three ways this week.

You need a new street suit, very likely; then come to the great Broadway house of D. Crawford & Co. and select a pattern from their line of French tricot, extra fine quality, 64 inches wide, for 75c now, formerly \$1 per yard. Or a regular French broadcloth, twill back, all colors, 54 inches wide, now selling at \$1 a yard, that commenced the season at \$1.50. Or the best wearing and cheapest all-wool cloth in town, grey or brown mixtures, 52 inches wide for 45c, well worth the former price, 60c a yard.

Special inducements at the black goods counter are 34-inch Henriettes for 25c per yard, worth 50c. And Aldine Suitings for 15c; worth 25c.

Perhaps you have been waiting for Cloaks to come down; then wait no longer. Here are some for half price. A line of black-and-white and colored mixed stripes Newmarkets, with puffed back, silk ornament and bell sleeves, \$2.75 and \$3.75, worth double the money.

Diagonal stripes and fine check Newmarkets, bell sleeves, trimmed in astrakhan or plush, for \$4, worth \$8.

A line of Black Beavers, Berlin Twills and Diagonals, small sizes, \$2 and \$4, astrakhan trimmed or tailor finish, for \$4 and \$5, just half value.

Braided Newmarkets worth \$15, in black, blue, tan and stone colors, closing at \$5.50.

Nice all wool beaver Newmarkets, bell sleeves, puffed back and standing collar, satin faced, reduced from \$18.50 to \$13.50.

Full front Newmarkets, bell sleeves, in red, mahogany, tan, French grey and electric blue shades, worth \$20, \$22.50 and \$25, for \$13.50, \$15 and \$17.50.

Ladies' all-wool chinchilla, diagonal and serge jackets, bonded edges and welted seams, in plain colors and small checks for \$3.50; regular price \$6.50.

Mixtures' all-wool cape newmarkets in mixed stripes and checks, from 12 to 14 years of age, for \$6.00; worth \$10.50.

Gretchenes, same sizes, in stripes for \$3.00; worth \$6.00.

Gretchenes, 4 to 6 year sizes, in stripes and plaids for \$2.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00; just half the value.

TOYS.

Closing Out Our Entire Stock of Toys and Holiday Specials at Less than Half Price.

Immense Bargains in These Departments.

WM. D. CRAWFORD & CO. INC.

A CLEAN SWEEP

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Parlor Furniture,

ETC.

Call and examine my extensive line of HOLIDAY GOODS. WILTON RUGS, COUCHES, PILLOW COUCHES, DIVANS, OTTOMANS, ANTIQUE ROCKERS, HALL AND LIBRARY CHAIRS, and a choice line of PARLOR FURNITURE of every description.

I have just added a full new line of the above goods, all rich and new designs, and the very latest coverings. These are especially adapted for Holiday Presents, and PRICES GUARANTEED VERY LOW.

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1108 Olive Street.

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Proprietors of the St. Louis Mercantile College, give individual instruction in book-keeping, penmanship, shorthand, typewriting, etc. Call or write for catalogue. Corner Fourth and Washington streets.

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# THE LAST ONE AT THE OLD STORE.

# SALE

# CLEARING - SALE

WILL COMMENCE TO-MORROW MORNING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th.  
As we expect to occupy our New Store about March 1st, this will be the LAST CLEARING SALE AT THE OLD STAND. No Half-Way Measures will be Followed.  
Greater Reductions Than Ever Before Seen Will Be the Order of the Day.

NOTHING to be CARRIED OVER THIS TIME. EVERY DOLLAR'S WORTH of WINTER STOCK MUST be SOLD

CLOAKS.

\$100,000.00 WORTH

READ THE LIST OF ACTUAL REDUCTIONS.

LOT 1.

15 Long Berlin Twill Newmarkets, with bell sleeves, trimmed down front, down back, around sleeves, and collar, with fur, reduced from \$11.50 to \$6.75 each.

16 Fine Beaver Newmarkets, in seal brown only, trimmed handsomely with gimp and ornaments, puffed back and bell sleeves; reduced from \$12 to \$6.75 each.

17 Fine Himalaya Striped Newmarkets, Fedoras front, puffed back and bell sleeves; they are in black, myrtle green and navy blue; reduced from \$15 to \$9.75 each.

18 Fine Beaver Irish Peasant Cloaks, with braided yoke and stylish puffed back, satin faced throughout; they are in black and in navy blue; reduced from \$18 to \$12 each.

19 Fine All-Wool Imported Striped Newmarkets, with long square, angel sleeves, with gimp fringe, puffed back; reduced from \$20 to \$10 each.

20 Very fine imported stylish Wraps; novelty striped cloth, all wool; splendidly faced with satin; blue and grey; also red and black mixtures; reduced from \$27.50 to \$15.50 each.

21 Beautiful quality, fine imported, Beaver Newmarkets, handsomely braided on back, down front, on cuffs and collar; bell sleeves and puffed back; most satin facings; reduced from \$17.50 to \$11.75 each.

22 Fine imported Beaver Newmarkets, with new style half cape, lovely all over braiding on cape, cuffs and back of waist; satin facings; reduced from \$27.50 to \$19.75 each.

23 Superb imported Beaver Newmarkets, trimmed with fine gimp ornaments, down both sides of front, two rows down back, gimp epaulettes on shoulders; also wide black fur down front, down back and on sleeves; reduced from \$30 to \$21.50 each.

24 Fine All-Wool Beaver Newmarkets, in black and all the new shades, goblin, ox-blood, mahogany, navy and green, elaborately braided down both sides and front and on back and sleeves; also, opossum collar and cuffs. Reduced from \$29.50 to \$20.75 each.

25 Fine Beaver Military Jackets, trimmed with silk military braid, colors black, navy, green and goblin; reduced from \$15 to \$7.50 each.

26 Fine Beaver Jackets, exquisitely braided all over and satin lined throughout; they are in black, goblin, mahogany and green; reduced from \$18.75 to \$12.50 each.

27 Fine Beaver Reeler Jackets, superb cloth, elegantly made, satin sleeve linings and facings, large pearl buttons. Reduced from \$12.75 to \$8.50 each.

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**The Queen of the Turf.**

**The Utit Case Postponed.**

The case of Joseph Utit, the photographer of 422 Franklin avenue, who is charged by a Miss Pfeiffer, a young lady 15 years of age, with having made improper proposals to her when she went to his gallery to have some pictures taken, was called in the Second District court today for trial. The case is now in the hands of the district attorney and the prosecution was ready to go on. Utit asked for a continuance. His reason for asking the delay was that his attorney, J. H. Pearson, had sent him word that he could be present to take charge of his case this afternoon. The delay was that his attorney had been granted until January 4. The postponement caused much disappointment, as the young lady had been waiting for the trial to come for no other purpose but to hear case.

Initially reverted to the subject, though, and, after a few minutes, he became unaccountable hostile. Occasionally he spoke to the woman who he declared would not set foot in his house again. He said that he would not tell it, but showed a little chaste, which was the proper thing to do. The figures 188 are engraved on the bottom of the case, but it bears no other mark. I took the case and then began to talk to the woman and baby, speaking to the woman in English. I know his wife, and on that ground I told him to bring me to her. He refused and said that he would not do so. He was very arrogant at such a proposition and he again became violent and once more placed the case on the table. He then went to the living-room. The next day he went down to the living-room alone, refusing to permit me to go with him. He was very angry and had stopped at Asbury Park for the summer and was quite well known there. He was very angry and I told him he would learn then that I was his wife and a scandal might result.

George Holmes and another negro had a quarrel at Montgomery, Ala., yesterday and the negro shot Holmes in the back. Holmes, attempting to make them cease, drew a revolver and shot the peace-makers, the left breast, killing him instantly.

The freight steamer **Silver Star** of San Francisco sank about 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning, off the coast of Cape Cod, about 10 miles from the New Hampshire coast. She struck rock and went down in three minutes. The crew was saved. The steamer was valued at \$100,000.

She started in Cincinnati at 8:30 yesterday morning and was carrying 100 passengers and 100 crew. She was carrying three tons of property. The first started in the Charles C. Cora Corporation, a works on the corner of Marietta street, Cincinnati, with the Bates Fur Company, Cincinnati, the Central Furriers Co.'s factory, the Queen City Twine Co.'s factory, and a story dwelling owned by Harry May and C. H. & D. warehouse and twelve

as very badly constructed in every way and was a regular fire trap. In comparison with the other buildings in the neighborhood, it was one of the worst. The feeling among the parents of the children attending this school, however, is that it is not necessary to ally their interests with the school authorities.

**Murder at a Negro Ball.**

**JEFFERSONVILLE, Ky., December 29.**—Spencer E. Port, colored, was killed last night at a ball in Jeffersonville, his slayer being Jackson, also colored. Dancing was going on when a pistol shot was heard and then another. The man who was standing next to Port at the time, says he heard the second shot and the first he knew of the matter was when he shot and seeing Caxton holding the pistol, he ran to the door and fled. The first range. The victim died instantly. Jackson made his escape to this side of the river. He was seen by several persons. He says he was attacked suddenly by several men at the ball and fired in self

Myers, Farnall, L. T.; Geo. W. Decker,  
City, and Geo. W. Decker, Kansas City.  
P. Farrand, Detroit, Mich., as the  
groom.  
St. Louis, New Orleans; A. H. Danforth,  
Colo.; J. W. Watson, Denver; E. J.  
Aberdeen, Miss.; W. D. Womack,  
City, and H. F. Hodges, New York;  
Southern  
Boyer, San Francisco; J. J. Flishe, New-  
ark; Dix J. Montemore, Kansas; Geo.  
Richmond, Mo.; H. H. Trunkus,  
City, and Geo. W. Goodman,  
Tex.; John H. Jones and party,  
Birmingham, Mo., as the bride's  
attendants.

**Woodcock-Mitchell.**  
A marriage to the Post-DISPATCH.  
Chicago, Ill., December 26.—Married on  
the 25th, Miss Elsie Mitchell to Mr. Frank  
Woodcock, at the home of the bride's par-  
ents, and a half-cen- of her New  
York.

Two of my right hands  
undoubtedly  
until I have  
discovered  
many  
trained  
sold  
320  
Duo  
Eco  
page,  
BABY

**Eczema on Hands Cured.**  
 ears and a half ago Salt Rheum broke out on my hands. It appeared in white blisters, attended with terrible itching, and gradually spread over the entire back of the hand. The next appeared on my left hand. I tried ointments, but could find no cure until I obtained CUTICURA REMEDIES, which effected a permanent cure.

**JAMES P. KEARNEY,**  
 206 Wood Avenue, Detroit.

**Free Samples.** Price, CUTICURA, 50c; SOAP, 10c. Address, **Dr. J. C. Foster, The FOSTER-RUMFORD CHEMICAL CO., Boston, Mass.** Send for "How to Use CUTICURA," 64 pp., 50 illustrations, and 100 testimonials.

**Skin and scalp preserved and beautified by CUTICURA EMOLIENT SOAP.**

**HAIR. PAIR.**

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AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.

OLYMPIA—"Evangeline."  
GRAND—Southern in "Lord Chumley."  
PEOPLES—"My Aunt Bridget."  
FORSYTH—"Frederick Bryton in 'The Progression.'"  
STANDARD—Rene Sauty Burlesque Co.

The indications for 24 hours,  
commencing at 3 p. m. to-day, for  
Missouri are: Rain or snow; colder;  
winds becoming northeasterly.

The poor children's Christmas tree of  
1888 settles the question for 1889.

A MOTION to make the POST-DISPATCH  
Christmas tree an annual event would  
pass without a dissenting voice.

We beg to thank our esteemed contemporaries  
for the expressions of their ap-  
preciation of our charitable efforts.

We only voice the sentiment of thousands  
of happy small boys when we re-  
mark that the POST-DISPATCH Christmas  
tree was a corker.

OVER 50,000 people, young and old,  
learned through the POST-DISPATCH  
Christmas tree how much better it is to  
give than to receive.

Gen. HARRISON will avoid reading the  
Chicago platform of his party we venture  
to assure him that he will make his task  
easier and the result better.

The State of Missouri gave the first Re-  
publican President a splendid Attorney-  
General and is prepared to render the  
same service for the Cabinet of the Re-  
publican President-elect.

The opening of the New Year would be  
anticipated with far more pleasure by citi-  
zens of St. Louis if the streets were cleaner,  
or if there was any assurance that they  
would be cleaner in the near future.

The best part of the POST-DISPATCH  
Christmas tree is yet to come. There are  
several thousand dollars remaining in the  
fund to add solid comfort for the destitute  
children to the happiness furnished yester-  
day.

The Republicans of Missouri are wise  
th. will find some means of laying aside  
the jealousies and contentions which have  
divided and weakened them, and unite in  
securing a Cabinet position for the most  
eligible Missourian.

Gen. HENDERSON does not represent a  
clique or faction of the Republican party,  
but he does represent a splendid State and  
the best Republican elements of the  
great Mississippi Valley. Gen. HARRISON  
would make no mistake in tendering him  
a Cabinet appointment.

The killing of one man at a social gather-  
ing and the fatal wounding of another  
by his own brother add to the force of  
the annual lesson that discharging fire-arms  
is the worst possible method of celebrating  
a holiday. The fish horn is just as noisy,  
but is far less dangerous.

The committee of public-spirited citi-  
zens who have so ably managed the  
Christmas day entertainment find them-  
selves, like Congress, confronted by a sur-  
plus. They will, however, dispose of the  
surplus with more success than has  
marked the struggles of Congress.

The orderliness, obedience and enthu-  
siastic appreciation of the 15,000 poor chil-  
dren in Music Hall yesterday are worthy  
to serve as excellent examples for their  
more fortunate fellows. Not a single  
unpleasant incident marred the day and  
the discipline of the immense throng of  
little ones was perfect.

although the pilots of the boats ran them  
around in a few minutes after the alarm,  
it was impossible for many of the crew  
and passengers to get ashore. The officers  
of both boats are credited with doing  
their duty and about the only conclusion  
that can be reached is that cotton-laden  
steamers are extremely unsafe for pas-  
sengers.

THE POOR CHILDREN'S FUND.  
The mission of the POST-DISPATCH  
Christmas tree which furnished unal-  
loyed happiness to thousands of little  
ones in Music Hall yesterday is not yet  
ended.

To give the poor children of the city a  
taste of Christmas joys, a glimpse of Kris  
Kringling, a delightful entertainment  
which they will never forget and a  
package of good things was only  
a part of a plan of benevolence  
decided upon by the committee having  
the enterprise in charge. Many of the  
children who shared in the benefits of the  
tree yesterday, while deprived of luxuries  
by the poverty of their parents, have food,  
clothing, warmth and other actual neces-  
saries of life. There are also thousands  
of children, however, who are without  
food, clothing or adequate shelter for the  
winter, and the Committee still has  
to take action to devote the remainder  
of the magnificent fund to the pur-  
chase of clothing for them and to  
the further amelioration of their unfor-  
tunate circumstances, especially for those  
who are sick and helpless.

Happily, owing to the fact that the  
POST-DISPATCH defrays all expenses of  
yesterday's entertainment, and through  
the generosity of contributors, a large  
part of the fund is unexpended. The  
committee will meet Saturday to decide  
upon the best method of disposing of the  
surplus. It will be put to excellent use  
and will give additional cause of grati-  
tude on the part of the poor and of con-  
gratulation on the part of the friends of  
this gracious charity.

NO CONVICT CAMPS FOR MISSOURI.  
So long as the State leases to contractors  
a large army of convicts together with  
costly manufacturing plants owned and  
maintained by the State, there will be  
ground for the complaint that private  
business enterprises suffer from unfair  
competition with the State, and that free  
labor is exposed to cruel competition with  
convict labor backed by the superior re-  
sources and power of the State.

The problem of employing convict labor  
in such a way as to accomplish the penal  
and reformatory objects of a convict-lab-  
or system, with a due regard for econ-  
omy and with the least possible injury to  
free labor and to individual enterprise,  
still remains unsolved. But of all pro-  
posed solutions that which would estab-  
lish convict labor camps all over the  
State and familiarize the people of every  
township with the brutal spectacle of  
chain-gangs working on the highways  
under the guns of armed guards is the  
worst.

When the State undertakes to make im-  
proved roads for the counties, the plan  
would have to be such as would preclude  
all log-rolling or favoritism and secure  
to each locality its proper proportion of  
State aid, or the attempt would do more  
harm than good. The apportionment of  
convict labor among the counties in pur-  
suance of such a plan would be imprac-  
ticable and the reverse of economical.

Improved highways are certainly desir-  
able in every county, but the surest and  
most economical way of getting them is  
by paying for them with the money of the  
local population using them—county  
money paid to free labor for honest work.

Every movement to import the horrors  
of the Southern convict camps into Mis-  
souri should be nipped in the bud. No  
worse convict system is conceivable, for  
the convicts themselves, and there is no  
surer way of subjecting free labor to  
degrading and injurious competition with  
convict labor. It is a Russian, not an  
American idea.

The decision of the State Supreme Court  
in the telephone case may be open to  
criticism as giving a more liberal con-  
struction to the company's grants of power  
than to the city's, but right or wrong,  
it is conclusive as against the city's ability  
to prescribe and enforce telephone rates  
by ordinance. It is equally conclusive,  
however, as against the company's right to  
use the streets and alleys except upon  
such conditions as may be prescribed by  
the city in the exercise of her undisputed  
police power. In the exercise of such a  
power, a much smaller city in the State  
of New York has not only forced a telephone  
monopoly to bind itself to have all its  
wires under ground by a certain date, but  
has forced it to buy easier conditions  
with a substantial concession in rates.

The State Legislature will hardly have  
the face to refuse the relief asked by the  
city. The Indiana Legislature promptly  
fixed a maximum rate of telephone  
charges far lower than is asked for in this  
State, and the Indiana law has been fully  
sustained by the courts. But even if the  
Legislature refuses to interfere, the  
city will have still other weapons in her  
armory.

The annual rendition of HANDEL'S  
"Messiah" during the Christmas holi-  
days is a beautiful English custom which  
is worthy of imitation in this country.  
The splendid quality and appropriate  
character of the work make it an emi-  
nently fitting part of the Christmas-cele-  
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employee, and in the case of the more  
responsible ones they are under the surveil-  
lance of private detectives most of the time.

Yeastful Innocence.  
From the Scranton Truth.  
"One of you boys has been stealing raisins  
again; I have found the seeds on the floor."  
"Well, one of you was it?" Tommy.  
"I was it. I swallowed the seeds in mine."

## A GRAND SPECTACLE.

The Magnificent "Post-Dispatch"  
Christmas Tree at  
Music Hall.

Marvelous Success Crowns All  
Branches of the Children's  
Charity.

A Good Work Well Done.  
From the Globe-Democrat.  
We congratulate the POST-DISPATCH on the  
success which crowned its efforts in behalf  
of the poor children, and which gave to thou-  
sands of little ones their first realization of  
the Christmas of their imagination. It was a  
good work well done, and reflected infinite  
credit on all connected with it.

Time and Energy Devoted to the Cause  
Lavishly—Business Men on Whom the  
Success of the Spectacles Depended—  
Work of the Committees on Entertainment,  
Presentations, Tickets, Reception and  
Distribution and How It Was Performed.

What Is to Be Done With the Money  
Remaining in the Fund—Suggestions for  
a Charity Organization to Care for Poor  
Children.

It could have been possi-  
ble, the second Christ-  
mas tree entertain-  
ment, at Music  
Hall, yesterday after-  
noon, would have  
been a greater success  
than the first. The  
audience was larger,  
the program more  
varied, and the work







